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Pope Francis on Mercy - May both Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II teach us not to be scandalized by the wounds of Christ, but to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of divine mercy, which always hopes and always forgives, because it always loves.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Nov. 2 - 6:00 Mass of Remembrance
Dec. 4 - 4:00 Parish Penance Service

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- Mr. Ken Dunmire Maintenance

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

- Sat. Oct. 29 - 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, Keaton Swope
Sun. Oct. 30 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 30 - 11:00 AM - Nate Rudolph, Matthew Woolridge

LECTORS:

- Sat. Oct. 29 - 4:00 PM - John Lloyd, Victor Rizzo
Sun. Oct. 30 - 8:00 AM - David Andrews, Ronan Adams
Sun. Oct. 30 - 11:00 AM - Patrick Schurr, Jim Campbell

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

- Sat. Oct. 29 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Jenna Jenkins
Sun. Oct. 30 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Oct. 30 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Debbie Dougherty, Kenneth Gorman, Pam Klobuka, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. Oct. 29 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Lori Ginter, Billy Sweet, Hedy Zumsteg
Sun. Oct. 30 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Mike O'Neill, Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Oct. 30 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom, Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark

SACRISTAN:

- Sat. Oct. 29 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet
Sun. Oct. 30 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco
Sun. Oct. 30 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Parish Sacrificial Giving – Every Christian is called to be a faithful steward of the blessings which God has given. Sacrificial Giving is an invitation to stewardship of our resources, as we make a return to the Lord for all that he has done for us. Over the next number of weeks we will begin to address the call to stewardship in our giving to the parish. It is not by accident that our collection is taken in the middle of Mass, for our giving is truly an act of worship.

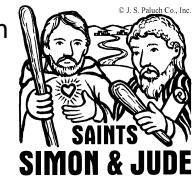
Thanks to our Youth – we are most grateful to our teens for the wonderful breakfast which they served to us last Sunday. Such a project enables our young to recognize the importance of “service” in the Christian life.

Conference on the Family - On Monday, November 7th at 7:00PM here at St. John's, the Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona is sponsoring an evening program focusing on the recent Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the family. Bishop Mark Bartchak will give an overview of the papal document, *Amoris Laetitia, (The Joy of Love)* with leaders of faith communities and social service agencies giving their responses in light of their own experience and faith traditions. There will be a question and answer session following, as well as time for fellowship and refreshments. All are cordially invited. We are proud to host this important conversation on the family!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine – For the Year of Mercy, our diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on Saturday, November 12th. Please consider joining this sacred journey, especially if you have never been to our National Shrine. There is a Sign-Up in the Gathering Space, with more details posted there.

OUR PARISH FAMILY ... David & Tracy Auerbeck are 17-year members of our parish. David is self-employed as the owner of Ultimate Concrete Resurfacing, and Tracy is able to work from home as the Director of Corporate Development for Compass Group. (Compass Group provides food services to health care and other organizations.) Their 3 children all attend Hollidaysburg High School – David is a junior, and twins Alexandria & Alycia are sophomores. Parish involvement is a family affair for the Auerbeck's. Both Tracy & David are currently serving as Confirmation advisors, Tracy is one of our cookie bakers, and David is a member of the Finance and Maintenance Committees. David also attends the “Comrades in Christ” men’s group meetings here at St John's. And all three children are Altar Servers. They usually attend the 11:00 Mass, and I asked Tracy how they feel about our parish. She said they like all the different activities that are offered, enjoy the music, and that they “feel comfortable and like part of a family here”. *If you're willing to be included in this weekly feature, designed to help us learn more about our St John's family, contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net. We'd especially like to hear from some of our 4:00 & 8:00 Mass people!*

Apostles Honored this week - Saints Simon and Jude are the apostles we honor this Friday. Simon is not the one who was renamed Peter, but Simon the Zealot; one who was part of the revolt against the oppression of the Romans. Jude, also known as Thaddeus, has the distinction of being known as the patron of “hopeless cases,” or the patron of the impossible. There is a beautiful shrine to St. Jude in Baltimore, and the parish in Blairsville is named after these great apostles!



“Spare Giving or Sacrificial Giving?” - We live in a world where we are bombarded with enticements to satisfy our selfish desires, and the idea of giving at a level which is sacrificial is new territory for most people. It takes a major leap to go from spare giving to sacrificial giving. Are you ready to take that step?

Adult Ed: “Come meet John the Baptist” – With Advent only a month away, our focus for adult ed will be on one of the central biblical characters of Advent, St. John the Baptist. All are most welcome. Bring your own bible, or there are bibles available.

Mass Intentions – You will notice that there are Mass intentions listed for weekdays and for weekends. If there is a special anniversary or birthday of a loved one, living or deceased, don't hesitate to have Mass offered for your loved one's intentions. We will attempt to satisfy all Mass requests in a timely manner.

Soup Sale a Great Success! – Again this year we have had a most successful soup sale as part of Hollidaysburg's Pumpkin Festival. All the profits go to our sister parish in Haiti. Many thanks to all who took part !



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Oct. 23rd - Regular class K-11 9:15-10:45
Oct. 30th - Regular class K-11 9:15-10:45
Oct. 30th 10th Grade Rite of Commitment at 11:00 Mass

LECTOR TRAINING for those who would like to serve the parish as lectors will be held on Tuesday, November 8, at 6:30 in the church. If you did not sign up for this ministry, but would like to participate, feel free to come to the training that evening.

St. John's Prayer List

It is a Spiritual work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginny.reeder@gmail.com to add their name to the prayer list.

Thinking of You and Get Well cards will be available in the Gathering Space the first weekend of each month. Please stop by to sign your name or write a greeting for our shut-ins and those on the prayer request list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

Judy Baird • Millie Bilski • JoAnne Gerardine

Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp • Joel Myers • Ron Peschock

Bob & Mary Rajnish • Olga Romerowicz

Madison Shura • Terri Schneider • Patty Teufel

For an end to violence and unrest in our country

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Anna Kent

Dave English (husband of Carolyn)

May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL RECAP: A beautiful day for selling soup & soup we did sell - well over 325 quarts! Thank you St. John's for preparing the soup, delivering it, setting up our booth, working the booth, tearing down our site, and for your generous donations. Approximately 100 quarts were sold before the event opened - a testimony to our great cooks!

SCRIP PARISH! – There is no simpler way to assist your parish financially than by participating in our SCRIP program. Using the gift cards that are available for sale by St. John's, every purchase you make, whether at the mall or the market or Sheetz, brings a financial benefit to the parish. It's that simple! **Another way to use scrip!** Shop online without concern of someone hacking your bank account by using gift cards for all of your online shopping. Purchase a Giant Eagle card, which can then be used to buy a gift card for the online retailer. In addition, you will earn gas points with your gift card purchase.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for Oct. 16, 2016

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| Envelopes: | \$ 4,176.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 588.00 |
| Children's: | \$ 8.00 |
| Parish Development | \$ 62.00 |
| Catholic Education | \$ 10.00 |
| Mission Sunday | \$ 191.00 |
| All Saints | \$ 25.00 |
| All Souls | \$ 20.00 |
| Priest's Retirement/Med. | \$ 175.00 |
| Total: | \$ 5,080.00 |
| Online Giving: | \$ 2,020.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 7,100.00 |

STEWARSHIP CORNER

“...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18:14

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God’s abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude.

A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE will be held on Wednesday, November 2, at 6:00 PM. If you wish to have someone who has died in the past year be remembered, complete one of the forms on the kiosk and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket by Sunday, October 30. We will also place the memory board in the gathering space during the month of November to remember all our deceased loved ones. You are welcome to post a picture or prayer card on the board.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – It's not too late to sign up to serve the parish as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan or Minister of Hospitality. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk and training will be scheduled soon.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION - We are also looking for families to volunteer to bring up the gifts in the offertory procession. You can sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space and our Ministers of Hospitality will select volunteers from this list to bring up the gifts at each mass.

MONDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL Beginning this Monday, October 24th and continuing throughout the school year, there will be pick-up basketball sessions in Father Bailey Hall (our gym) from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. All men (ages 18 and up) are invited to join us. The cost is just a few bucks a night. So, lace up those Chuck E. Taylors and come work on your 3-point shot!

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 in the Parish Center. New members are welcome to join us. Each week, we gather to pray, knit or crochet, and socialize while making prayer shawls. There is always someone in need of prayers and shawls. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we can teach you! For more information, call Barb Neff at 946-4203 or Elsie MacCullagh at 941-4941.

TOASTY TODDLER DONATIONS

Toasty Toddler is a project that provides new warm winter outerwear for children birth through age four. This program is sponsored by the Family Resource Center at the United Way of Blair County. In support of this program the Women's Group of St. John's is taking up a collection of new hats, mittens or gloves, coats and snowsuits for boys and girls, sizes newborn to toddler Size 5T, and 4/5, 5/6, 7/8, or small. The Family Resource Center's first distribution will begin November 10 with collections continuing until December 9. There is a box in the gathering space for your donations. Please have all donations in by December 4.

Calling all angels at St. John's to be on the lookout for families that need help during the Christmas Season. If you know someone in our parish, your family or a neighbor who may need help, please call Susanna Tomlinson at 317-7531 or call the church at 942-5503 and leave their name and number. Susanna will call and talk to them. Deadline is November 26, 2016.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday October 23rd - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Eleanore Trimarco* requested by
Marian Monios & daughter Michele

Monday October 24th - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Tuesday October 25th - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Wednesday October 26th - Weekday

5:00PM-Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Maxine Manna* requested by
Barb Bundy

Thursday October 27th - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Friday October 28th- Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Saturday October 29th – Vigil of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

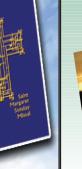
3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by the
Stoltz Family

Sunday October 30th - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Colyer* requested by
Amelia Fedorico

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 -- 5:8; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

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